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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Operations, DDP

SUBJECT : Otto Albrecht Alfred von BOLSCHWING

1. This memorandum is for your information and concurrence in the recommendations contained in paragraph 5.

2. Subject, a former agent of the Austrian Station, who, under L [ ] cover, was assisted in his immigration and naturalization by CIA, has been trying for some months to gain employment with ICA. He is apparently particularly well qualified for the position, which is with an Indian governmental or semi-governmental financial advisory body sponsored and in part staffed by ICA. In the normal course of events he probably would have had no difficulty obtaining the position. However, in the aftermath of EICHMANN's arrest L [ ] of CI/R&A discovered evidence in captured German documents that Subject had concealed from us the true facts of his Nazi Party membership and his true relationship with the RSHA, including the fact that he was once a principal agent of EICHMANN's office. What we knew on the EICHMANN connection was passed to Mr. Charles Keating of ICA by L [ ] on 6 February without recommendation pro or con, but pointing out that Subject's connection with EICHMANN might at some point come to public attention. Mr. Keating was of the opinion that the possibility of later adverse publicity would rule out Subject's employment, but said that he would undertake to attempt to make any turndown appear to be for simple administrative reasons and not on security grounds.

3. Recently an associate of Mr. Keating's advised the interested ICA man in India that Subject was being turned down on security grounds, and the representative in India wrote Subject that it appeared that he had enemies in Washington. Meanwhile, with the help of the president of the company employing him, ex-Governor Driscoll of New Jersey, Subject had marshalled an imposing array of individual congressional support for his employment by ICA. Mr. Keating advised L [ ] yesterday that he has congressmen on his back about Subject, and asked for a memorandum from us briefly outlining the derogatory information.

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4. Furthermore, Subject has been in telephonic contact with [ ] of EE/H, and [ ] of the CI Staff requesting advice as to how to proceed to erase any governmental objections to his employment. Since [ ] will receive another call from Subject this evening, 10 May 1961, he has been instructed to tell Subject that the reason for his turndown was new information on his RSHA activities discovered in research of German documentary material connected with the EICHMANN trial. Subject will be advised that he should write ICA immediately withdrawing his application for personal reasons, and send copies to the various persons whom he has enlisted in his support. If he refuses, he is to be advised that the information will be forwarded to these persons with resultant unpleasantness to himself. If he requests a meeting, both [ ] and [ ] will meet with him to detail the information which has been uncovered and make it clear to him why he must write the letters to protect himself.

5. If Subject refuses to cooperate in withdrawing his application, EE will advise Legislative Counsel of the situation and provide blind memoranda for use with the appropriate Members of Congress. A duplicate of this memorandum will be given to Mr. Keating of ICA. If Subject is willing to write the suggested letters, Mr. Keating will be so advised and asked to keep us informed of any further repercussions.

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